(b) if so, the amount of World Bank loan sanctioned to that State; and

(c) the term and condition laid down by the World Bank for the repayment of loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes Sir. Government of India has posed the proposal to the World Bank seeking its assistance for Orissa Cyclone Mitigation and Reconstruction Project. The proposal is under consideration of the Bank.

(b) There is no commitment from the Bank for assistance as yet.

(c) In view of (b) the question does not arise at this point of time.

Imbalance prevailing in the schemes

†5413. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 30 per cent of the total budget will be spent towards the payment of interest whereas the 5 per cent of the same will be spent on police and mere 3 per cent thereof on agro and rural development; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to remove the grave imbalances prevailing in the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The provision for 'interest payments', 'police' and 'agriculture and rural development' in the budget for the year 2000-2001 are about 30%, 2% and 6% respectively of the total expenditure of the Government.

(b) Provision for payments towards interest in the current year are meant for servicing debts raised over several years. Excluding payments on 'interest', 'defence', 'subsidies', etc., the provision for expenditure on developmental schemes is more than those for other non-developmental activities. In para 10 of the Finance Minister's Budget speech (2000-01), several measures have been announced to deal with the situation.

New Bank branches proposed to be opened in Meghalaya

5414. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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